

VZCZCXYZ0009  
OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHBU #0154 0421558  
ZNR UUUUU ZZH  
O 111558Z FEB 08  
FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0217  
INFO RUCNMER/MERCOSUR COLLECTIVE  
RUEATRS/DEPT OF TREASURY WASHINGTON DC  
RHMFIUU/DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC

UNCLAS BUENOS AIRES 000154

SIPDIS

SENSITIVE  
SIPDIS

NSC FOR ABRAMS  
DRL/SEAS FOR RICKMAN  
WHA/BSC FOR SLATTERY, FRIEDMAN, DRUCKER  
L/HRR FOR HILL

E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: [PREL](#) [PHUM](#) [ECON](#) [AR](#)  
SUBJECT: ARGENTINA: REITERATION OF REQUEST FOR SAIEGH  
GUIDANCE

REF: BUENOS AIRES 0126 AND PREVIOUS

11. (SBU) The Ambassador has a February 13 meeting scheduled with Argentine Minister of the Economy Martin Lousteau. This would be an excellent opportunity for the Ambassador to resume his efforts on behalf of Mr. Eduardo Saiegh, the Argentine citizen who in 1980 was kidnapped, tortured (GKQLQoQ). In order to ensure that this issue merits Mission advocacy at this level, and to advance it in the most effective, coordinated fashion possible, post reiterates its reftel request for Department instructions.

WAYNE